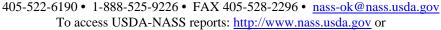
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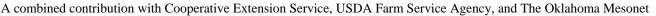


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Extreme Hot Temperatures Sweep Through the State

The State was marred with another week of extremely high temperatures and virtually no precipitation. These conditions continued to take a toll on current crop conditions. Six of the nine districts had average maximum temperatures that reached triple digits by week's end. Little rainfall was reported for much of the State. Producers were in need of a break from the hot weather to help aid in crop and forage development. As a result of triple digit temperatures and no rainfall, topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies took another downward plunge last week. Ninety-five percent of both topsoil and subsoil were rated in the short to very short range. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus			
This Week	60	35	5	0			
Last Week	49	40	11	0			
Last Year	14	46	40	0			
SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus			
This Week	70	25	5	0			
Last Week	63	29	8	0			
Last Year	11	35	54	0			

Small Grains: Plowing of small grains was coming to a close last week with rye leading at 94 percent complete. Seedbed preparations for the 2007 small grain crops have begun in some areas of the State.

Row Crops: As hot temperatures continued to roar through the State, cotton and soybeans were the most impacted by the drought-like conditions. Corn, sorghum and peanuts were holding their own. Corn in the silking stage of development was near completion at 98 percent while half the crop had reached the dough stage. Sorghum headed was 16 points below normal at 17 percent and some of the heads were beginning to turn colors. Peanuts pegging was winding down while pods were set on half the crop. Cotton setting bolls jumped 21 points from last week to 30 percent.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending July 23, 2006

Week Ending July 23, 2000						
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	Poor					
Corn	5	18	20	27	30	
Peanuts	1	7	37	44	11	
Cotton	25	30	32	11	2	
Sorghum	6	19	36	28	11	
Soybeans	11	25	39	20	5	

Alfalfa hay remained in mostly fair to poor condition while other hay continued in mostly poor to very poor condition. Extremely dry conditions and hot weather continued to plague producers as they were cutting what little hay was left in the fields. Producers were experiencing below average yields and many were baling anything they could to help offset the low hay supplies due to the drought. Alfalfa third cuttings were 82 percent complete, while other hay first cuttings were slightly below normal at 87 percent.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending July 23, 2006

Week Ending July 23, 2000							
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
	Poor						
Alfalfa	22	27	34	14	3		
Other Hay	35	36	20	8	1		

Miscellaneous Commodities: Watermelon harvest was well ahead of normal at 78 percent. Peaches continued with a light fruit set.

Pasture and Range: Pasture conditions fell from the previous week with two-thirds of the pastures in Oklahoma in poor to very poor condition. Pastures were burning up from the extreme hot temperatures last week. Some pastures in the State have been grazed to the bare ground. High temperatures and lack of rain continued to cause stress on native pastures.

Livestock: Livestock were rated in mostly fair-to-poor condition. A large number of ranchers continued supplemental feeding of their cattle. Hay supplies continued to be very limited for cattle and, partly because of this, cattle marketings remained high. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$116.01 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$108.91 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending July 23, 2006

Week Ending July 23, 2000							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Livestock	31	18	35	12	4		
Pasture & Range	37	30	24	9	0		

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS Week Ending July 23, 2006 Last Last This 5 - Yr This Last 5 - Yr Last Item Item Week Week Year Week Week Year Avg. Avg. Wheat -Peanuts -93 87 87 94 89 86 Plowed 86 87 Pegging Rye -Setting Pods 52 50 60 49 Plowed 94 91 59 96 Cotton -Oats -Squaring 85 59 82 83 Plowed 88 85 90 87 **Setting Bolls** 30 9 10 29 Alfalfa -Corn -3rd Cutting 79 Silking 98 85 89 81 82 62 84 50 48 39 4th Cutting Dough 42 13 NA NA Other Hay -Mature 11 6 10 12 1st Cutting 87 85 91 Sorghum -93 2nd Cutting Emerged 92 90 99 97 12 11 23 34 Headed 17 25 Watermelon -15 33 Colored 6 4 6 8 Harvested 78 56 51 50 Soybeans -Blooming 67 45 48 50 Setting Pods 37 19 21 25

Weather for Week Ending July 23, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 56 degrees at Goodwell on Saturday, July 22nd, to 109 degrees at Walters on Monday, July 17th, at Cherokee on Wednesday, July 19th and at Buffalo on Thursday July 20th. Precipitation averaged none in the Panhandle, North Central, Northeast and West Central districts to 0.13 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 81 degrees at Miami on Sunday, July 23rd to 99 degrees at Burneyville on Tuesday, July 18th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA									
Week Ending July 23, 2006									
	Temperature			Precipitation					
Districts	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2006 to July 23, 2006				
					Total	Departure from	Percent of		
						Normal	Normal		
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches		
Panhandle	98	66	84	0.00	6.78	-4.87	58		
West Central	100	73	87	0.00	11.20	-4.14	73		
Southwest	102	74	88	0.01	9.29	-6.39	59		
North Central	101	71	87	0.00	10.60	-5.91	64		
Central	100	72	86	0.09	13.46	-5.41	71		
South Central	102	73	88	0.04	13.25	-6.18	68		
Northeast	97	70	84	0.00	17.42	-2.69	87		
East Central	99	72	85	0.02	17.09	-4.29	80		
Southeast	101	72	86	0.13	19.00	-3.69	84		

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